

Distribution of these totals :

To United States	447,952	....	353,680
„ Great Britain	748,470	....	287,473
„ China and Japan	1,693,804	....	847,685
„ Spain	2,890	....	33

The crop in Iloilo in 1899, owing to the disturbances, was only 1,230,128 piculs against 2,470,432 in 1898, and 2,008,672 in 1897. The largest crop was in 1892, 2,646,363 piculs.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

Exports of sugar from the port of Rosario for two years :—

1898.		1899.
Tons.		Tons.
16,275	....	21,457

PARAGUAY.

The British consul reports as follows :—

The production of cane and manufacture of sugar on a small scale sufficient for local consumption may, perhaps, become a fairly profitable business in Paraguay, but there is no prospect of its becoming at any time an article of export. A sugar factory here called the “Empresa Azucarera,” which was inaugurated in September, 1898, cannot be said to have fulfilled expectations during the year under review. This, however, is probably due to heavy interest paid by the company on loans, and to the fact that the Government have not, as was expected, taken steps to protect the native industry by imposing a higher duty on imported sugar. The crop in 1899 amounted to some 325 tons, of which only one half was disposed of up to the end of the year. The price of imported sugar in Asuncion is about 8s. 6d. per arroba (25 lbs.) and for the home-made article 4s. 9d. per arroba.

A superior quality of rum is distilled in Paraguay, being made from uncrushed cane. Some small amounts of this spirit have been shipped to Germany and, it is said, obtained good prices. The cost of new rum is from 2s. 6d. to 4s. per 10 litres, and for matured rum from 10s. to 15s. per 10 litres.

UNITED STATES.

The British consul at Philadelphia gives the following values of imports of sugar into the port of Philadelphia for two years :—

	1898.		1899.
Cane sugar	\$10,539,711	....	\$12,570,867
Beet sugar (under 16 D.S.)	\$3,622,156	....	\$4,768,512